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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

[ARTIFACTS REVEAL VIVID STORIES OF PLAINS INDIAN LIFE](#)

Among the 2,000 items collected by the late artist Dyck: Chief Joseph's necklace

By LORNA THACKERAY, Gazette Staff

On a late September morning in 1877, Robert Coburn, owner of the Circle C Ranch on Flatwillow Creek south of the Missouri River, awoke to find the Nez Perce camped on a bench a half-mile from his log home.

[COLLECTION AMASSED BY LATE, ENIGMATIC ARTIST COULD BE WORTH \\$22.5M](#)

By LORNA THACKERAY, Gazette Staff

CODY - Artist and ethnographer Paul Dyck spent much of his 88 years piecing together the largest, most significant and most complete private collection of Plains Indian artifacts in the world.

[IN A LIFE OF ADVENTURE, HE GATHERED A STUNNING COLLECTION](#)

By LORNA THACKERAY, Gazette Staff

Paul Dyck was a bit of a mystery, even to his family.

"There's a lot of things nobody knows about my dad, including myself," John Dyck said in a telephone interview from his home in Arizona. "He was a very private person."

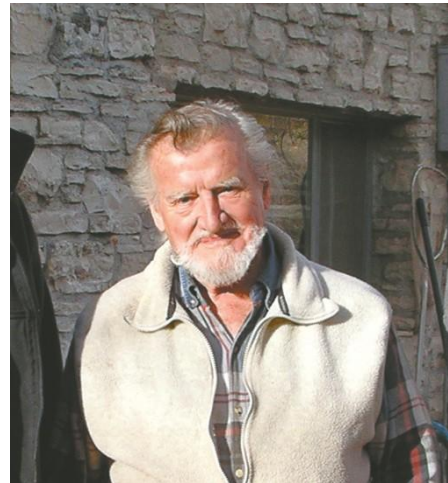


Photo courtesy of Rusty Rokita

Paul Dyck, who made his living as an artist, was passionate about Plains Indian culture and amassed an unsurpassed collection of artifacts. He died in February 2006 at age 88.

PHOTOS: The Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyo recently acquired the largest, most significant private collection of Plains Indians artifacts in the world. (August 5, 2007) Photo's courtesy of the Billings Gazette



[BUFFALO BILL HISTORICAL CENTER PREPARES NEW ARTIFACTS](#)

VIDEO: A look at some new artifacts being prepared at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. (August 5, 2007)



[INDIAN BASKETBALL CAMP REVELS IN ITS SUCCESS](#)

By JODI RAVE, Missoulian

MISSOULA - Hayley Knife Chief captured the attention of coaches while nabbing a national high school player of the year award during the Native Elite Sports Basketball camp in Macy, Neb., last weekend.

[SENATE ENDORSES CHIP EXPANSION, HAS VOTES TO BEAT VETO](#)

By NOELLE STRAUB, Gazette Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - By a veto-proof margin of 68-31, the Senate late Thursday approved a \$35 billion, five-year expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program after Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., shepherded the bill through a weeklong debate.

[TRIBAL OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE FIRES](#)

By Gazette News Services

ROCKY BOY - Tribal officials at the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation are assembling a team to investigate possible arson in four fires and have offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a conviction.

[LAME DEER MAN DIES IN JAIL](#)

By The Gazette Staff

The FBI is investigating the death of a man this week in the Lame Deer jail.

Special Agent Dan Vierthaler said Friday the cause of death is unknown but that the FBI is looking into the case. Vierthaler had no further details.

[BAUCUS TOUTS UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE AT CONVENTION](#)

HELENA - U.S. Sen. Max Baucus told Montana Democrats at their annual convention here Saturday that it is time for the nation to start developing universal health care.

[STATE DEMS APPOINT PARTY LEADERS](#)

By CHARLES S. JOHNSON, Gazette State Bureau

HELENA - By unanimous votes, Montana Democrats re-elected Melville rancher Dennis McDonald as their chairman and picked Rep. Margaret Campbell of Poplar as their new vice chairwoman at an officers' convention Saturday.

[MONTANAN DROWNS IN N.D. LAKE](#)

By Gazette News Services

DEVILS LAKE, N.D. - A Montana man drowned while swimming in Devils Lake in northeastern North Dakota, the Bureau of Indian Affairs said.

[1 DEAD, 4 INJURED IN ROCKY BOY CRASH](#)

By Gazette News Services

One man was killed and four others injured in a head-on collision north of the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation powwow grounds, tribal officials said Saturday.

[TRIBES RECEIVE BISON HUNT PROPOSAL](#)

By The Associated Press

HELENA - The state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks told two tribal governments Thursday that the agency wants a 50-50 split in treaty and non-treaty hunting of bison this fall and winter in Montana.

[FIRES BRING FISCAL RELIEF TO BLACKFEET](#)

By ERIC NEWHOUSE, Tribune Projects Editor

BROWNING — The fire siren sounds precisely at noon Thursday, rattling windows all over town. The dispatch flag goes up.

That's the signal that the Browning Fire Cache is calling for firefighters.



[SKYLAND FIRE BLOWS ONTO PRAIRIE](#)

By RICHARD PETERSON, Tribune Staff Writer

The Skyland fire burning along U.S. Highway 2 south of Glacier National Park blew onto the prairie on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation Friday, forcing tribal officials to evacuate 24 families living along the Heart Butte Cutoff Road, also known as BIA Route 2.

[LODGES IN PATH OF FIRES ARE FEELING THE HEAT](#)

By KARL PUCKETT, Tribune Staff Writer

Outside of the Sun Canyon Lodge 25 miles west of Augusta, pack horses stand idle in the stable, their tails swishing back and forth.

[TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DEFENSE MOTIONS FOR DISMISSAL OF CHARGES](#)

By LOUIS MONTCLAIR, Fort Peck Journal

A motion to dismiss two felony charges against the Fort Peck Chairman was heard in Tribal Court Tuesday afternoon.

[FLYING TOWARDS A COMMUNITY DREAM](#)

By LOUIS MONTCLAIR, Fort Peck Journal

Since the idea was fostered nearly six years ago, the dream of a new airport is in the process of becoming a reality that could bring industry and jobs to Poplar.

City, Tribal, County, and State officials gathered at the site of the future airport north of Poplar Tuesday, July 31, for the symbolic ground breaking ceremony. The ceremony brought relief to the minds of many long time city workers.

[FORT PECK TRIBES ELECTION DEADLINES NEAR](#)

By LOUIS MONTCLAIR, Fort Peck Journal

As of August 2, 2007, there are approximately three more months until the Tribes' General Elections set for the last Saturday in October, 2007, which is October 27.